

and art thus means they cannot be round but must be elongate. The final rejection characterized the DeTullo round holes as "slots", which applicants believe is inconsistent with the art and common engineering usage of the word "slots". But, notwithstanding, they do not teach what is now claimed, namely slots running lengthwise.

The limitation on soil entry into the perforations has been deleted. Thus, the rejection under 35 USC 112 will no longer apply, notwithstanding applicants' argument that the limitation was supported by specification at page 7, first full paragraph. The deletion presents no new issue, since the same issue was previously, and is presently, presented by claim 7.

Claim 7 and 19 are allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

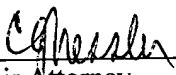
Claim 18 should be allowable at least for its dependency from the novel claim of No. 1, and applicants' prior arguments about the impossibility of fabrication in the prior art.

The other claims are cancelled to simplify for purposes of allowance or appeal.

Allowance of the amendments, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims are requested.

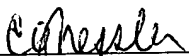
For record purposes, notwithstanding the amendment here, applicants continue to submit that the concept of having inward flaring perforations in a leaching chamber, with any shape sidewalls, with any shape perforations, with or without a base flange upstanding fin, and irrespective of the nature of the top, is untaught by the art within the meaning of the requirements for a valid 35 USC 103 rejection.

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